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Tennessee Creek Project Interested Party

Dear Tennessee Creek Project Interested Party,

We began our scoping for the Tennessee Creek Project on November 6, 2012, with a call for comments and we did receive many helpful and insightful comments for the project. At that time we cited the then current administrative review process we might follow for the proposed environmental assessment analysis process (36 CFR 215). On March 27, 2013 as published in the Federal Register, the Final Rule for Project Level Pre-decisional Review Process (36 CFR 218) came to replace the (36 CFR 215) administrative review process. If projects were near decision they would follow through on the former review process (36 CFR 215). For those projects which would not be signed within six months of this date, they would be under the new 36 CFR 218 process. This then is notification of the change of administrative review process for Tennessee Creek Project to be under the new Pre-decisional Review Process (36 CFR 218).

The environmental analysis is ongoing now and all of the comments are being considered as part of that analysis. When the environmental assessment (EA) is completed, the final EA will be made available along with a draft Decision Notice. At that time an opportunity will be given to you to comment or file an objection on the content of those documents for 45 days based on the date of the legal notice published in the paper of record, The Herald Democrat and addressed to the Reviewing Official, the Leadville District Ranger. Other necessary details on the formal process will be made available at the time of the publication of the EA, estimated to be in late fall of 2013.

Again, I wish to thank you for your helpful and extensive comments as we continue with the environmental analysis to its conclusion.

Sincerely,

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Acting District Ranger

